

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-44 are allowed. Claim 17 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis issue with respect to "projecting flange" for consistency with claim 10. Claim 28 has been amended to recite "a retainer for retaining said housing in said chassis frame". This is consistent with the language presented in the Preliminary Amendment, referring to pages 9 and 10 showing the changes relative to issued claim 1.

New independent claim 45 recites a chassis frame and module combination including an amplifier module, a chassis frame, and a power downconverter separate from the amplifier module. The power downconverter is mounted to the chassis frame. For similar reasons as claims 1-44 are allowable, new claim 45, and dependent claims 46-59 are also allowable.

New independent claim 60 concerns a module mountable within a chassis where the chassis includes a pair of spaced apart walls, each having a groove and a mounted power downconverter separate from the module. The module includes a housing, two coax connectors secured to the housing, and circuitry contained within the housing including an amplifier circuit. A power supply port is provided for electrically connecting the module to the separately mounted downconverter wherein the power supply port is operatively coupled to the amplifier circuit. For similar reasons as with respect to claims 1-44, new claim 60 and dependent claims 61-70 are allowable.

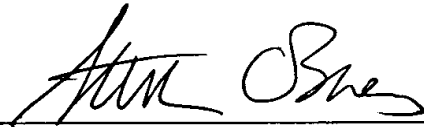
The Examiner requested that the original patent, or a statement as to the loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before the reissue application can be allowed. Applicants wish to defer a response to this request until the Examiner reviews the present response and determines that all claims are otherwise allowable.

If a telephone conference would be helpful for resolving any further issue, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Date: August 12, 2003



Steven C. Bruess
Reg. No. 34,130
SCB:PSTklg

